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April 5th, 1909.

The Secretary of the

Numismatic and Archaeological Society,

New York City.

My dear Sir:

The Historical Guide-book of New York, which The City History Club is to publish in the Fall, will contain brief accounts of the origin, scope and collections of the historic, scientific and civic societies of the city. As we wish these notices to be accurate and authoritative, we should consider it a favor if you would send us such a statement concerning your organization.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Hill

April 10, 1909

Miss Marie Mill,
Corresponding Secretary,
The City Winery Club,
28 West 44th Street,
New York.

Dear Madam:-

I would say in reply to your favor of the 5th instant, that this Society occupies its own building, it has collections amounting to 40,000 --or more-- coins and medals, of all countries and all ages, also a very large numismatic library.

The lists of organization and names of officers, you will find at the head of this sheet.

Should you require any further information kindly let us know.

Very truly yours

Recording Secretary.

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November 17, 1910

Secretary of the Numismatic Society,

Dear Sir:

On each of the six winter months the League for Political Education conducts an "Educational Excursion" to some point of historic, civic or artistic interest. The class consists of about twenty-five ladies and at times the interest is strong enough to repeat the trip with a second class. It is desired that the ladies visit the Museum of the Numismatic Society on the second Friday morning in December at 10.30. Will you be good enough to let me know if any special permission is necessary for this? Also if there is likely to be at the Museum anyone who will speak very informally to us for a few minutes on the work of the Society. If any further credentials are needed, I shall secure introductions from some Elizabeth friends of Mr. Huntington.

As the December bulletin for the League goes to press in a few days, I shall be grateful for a speedy reply, in order that the announcement may be properly made.

Yours very sincerely,

Silvia F. Kelley

(Mrs. F. B.)

Will you kindly address

455 Madison Avenue

Elizabeth, N. Y. (Tel 1106 Edg)

The League for Political Education
23 West 44th Street, New York
BULLETIN for NOVEMBER, 1910

General Lecture Course, Saturday Mornings, at 11
In the HUDSON THEATRE, 139 West 44th Street
Twenty Lectures, November 12 to April 1

The League will open its Program for this Season with a Memorial
to JULIA WARD HOWE on Saturday Morning,
November 12, at 10:30 o'clock

The Speakers will be:

Dr. ROBERT C. COLLYER, Pastor Emeritus of the Church of the Messiah.
CLARA BARTON, First President American Red Cross.
JOHN GRAHAM BROOKS.
MARY E. WOOLLEY, President Mt. Holyoke College.

Guests cards may be obtained upon application at the League office

November 19. *The International Significance of English Politics.*
Mrs. ASHTON JONSON of England.

November 26. *Resolved that the Realization of the Hopes of Socialism would make a Better World. (A Debate)*
ALEXANDER IRVINE, Affirmative.
Recently of the Church of the Ascension.
Rev. THOMAS R. SLICER, Negative.

TERMS—Free to members. To non-members, single admission, one dollar;
with reserved seat, one dollar and fifty cents.

NOTE

The season seat holders are earnestly requested to notify the LEAGUE office
whenever they are unable to occupy their seats at any Saturday morning lecture.

TELEPHONE: Bryant 4897-4898

Schedule of Lectures

DAY	HOUR	SUBJECT	LECTURERS	DATES
MONDAY	11 a.m.	Present Events	Miss ROBERTS	Nov. 14, 21, 28
TUESDAY	11 a.m.	Great English Novelists	Dr. VAN DYKE	Nov. 15, 22, 29
THURSDAY	11 a.m.	Conference	Dr. HUTCHINSON	Nov. 17
FRIDAY	—	Excursion	(See page 3)	Nov. 18
SATURDAY	11 a.m.	General Lecture Course	(See page 1)	Nov. 12, 19, 26

The Saturday morning lectures are in the Hudson Theatre; all others are at 23 West Forty-fourth Street.

Monday Mornings at 11, in the League Lecture Room

Twenty Lectures by Miss GEORGINA ROBERTS on

"PRESENT EVENTS"

Nov. 14. *Democracy versus Privilege.*

Facts and reflections concerning the English constitutional crisis.

21. *Labor at the Helm.*

The policy and program of the Labor Government in Australia.

28. *The New Nation.*

A sketch of the situation in South Africa.

Sustaining (\$5), Contributing (\$10) and Subscription (\$25) memberships admit to this course of lectures.

To other persons: single admission, fifty cents.

Tuesday Mornings at 11, in the Berkeley Theatre, 19 West 44th Street

Four Lectures by Dr. HENRY VAN DYKE on

"GREAT ENGLISH NOVELISTS"

Nov. 15. *Sir Walter Scott.*

22. *Charles Dickens.*

29. *George Eliot.*

Contributing (\$10) and Subscription (\$25) memberships admit to these lectures.

To other persons: single admission, one dollar.

Thursday Morning at 11, in the League Lecture Room

CONFERENCE

Nov. 17. *The Price of Sunshine.*

DR. WOODS HUTCHINSON.

Sustaining (\$5), Contributing (\$10) and Subscription (\$25) memberships admit to all of the Thursday morning Conferences.

To other persons: single admission, fifty cents.

EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION

Friday, November 18

Conducted by Mrs. FRANK BERGEN KELLEY

Visit the General Theological Seminary, 21st Street and Ninth Avenue, to see the quadrangles and ivy-covered buildings, the chapel, library and refectory.

By permission of the Dean, one of the students will act as guide and speak informally on the history of the Seminary.

Meet in the reception room at Ninth Avenue entrance at 10:30.

Take Ninth Avenue elevated road to 23rd Street or Subway to 23rd Street and west bound surface car to Ninth Avenue.

Special Notice.—All members who desire to go on this Excursion must apply to the LEAGUE in person or by letter for a special ticket. Thirty tickets will be issued in the order of application received. If the number of applications warrants it, this Excursion will be repeated on November 25.

RESERVED SEATS

The officers of the LEAGUE have decided that for the year 1910-1911, season reserved seats will be included in the privileges of Subscription and Maintenance memberships but will not be sold as heretofore to other members of the LEAGUE. This plan, on the one hand, continues to make it possible for those who wish reserved seats to obtain them by becoming Subscription or Maintenance members; on the other hand, it limits the reserved section of the Hudson Theatre to a much smaller number of seats, thereby throwing open many seats which were reserved in previous years. This decision has been reached in accordance with the desire of a majority of the LEAGUE's members and in order that many of the best seats may not be vacant when unused by season seat holders.

November 18, 1910

Mrs. Frank Bergen Kelley,
455 Madison Avenue,
Elizabeth, N.J.

Dear Madam:

I have just received your letter of November 17. We should be very glad to have the class of The League for Political Education visit the museum of this Society on the second Friday in December, at 10.30 a.m., and we will do our best to make the visit interesting.

I shall make it a point to be on hand, and will take great pleasure in giving you what information I can regarding the work of the Society, and its collections.

Should you desire to communicate with me in the meantime, you can reach me on the telephone at this building (2464 Audubon), or, if more convenient, you can reach me on my home telephone, 1878 W Elizabeth N.J., any evening.

Very truly yours,

Director.

The City History Club of New York

21 West 44th Street.

August 30, 1912.

Mr. B. L. Belden, Director,
American Numismatic Society,
West 156th, North Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find clipping from
our Historical Guide to the City of New York. I
will greatly appreciate the favor if you will make
any corrections needed and return the same to me.
We need the information for the new edition of
the book to be brought out this fall.

Thanking you for the courtesy of an
early reply.

Yours very truly,

F. B. Kellogg.
Superintendent

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EXTRACTS FROM THE PREFACE

"The Historical Guide to New York is the result of prolonged efforts, on the part of the City History Club of New York to discover and to direct attention to the yet visible traces of earlier times which lie hidden within and are fast disappearing from the city of today. . . . During the past thirteen years twelve Excursion Leaflets have been prepared, designed to provide, at the lowest possible price, a brief but carefully verified historical description of every part of the city, compiled as far as possible from original sources.

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"The information thus gathered is now presented in complete form, thoroughly revised and illustrated by maps and photographs."

There is also much new and valuable material not included in the Excursion Leaflets.

EXPLANATORY

ROUTES: the Excursions have been divided into Sections, each of which covers sufficient territory for an itinerary of about two hours. Prefixed to the Section numbers are Route numbers (running consecutively from 1 to 60) which are also placed at the head of each page (abbreviation R).

TYPE: Bold faced type is used for landmarks, tablets or other memorials in existence at the time of publication (1909).

Italics indicate directions in routes; historic sites.

Small type indicates general historical accounts, descriptions of historic buildings which have no visible trace or memorial. **SMALL CAPITALS** in such type indicate some place of importance represented by a name or memorial.

KEY MAPS show the approximate location of the various Routes, the numbers thereon corresponding to Route numbers.

PLATES: with but four exceptions the maps and diagrams have been specially prepared or redrawn for this Guide Book.

The **ILLUSTRATIONS** in the text are from the set published by the City History Club; the full page inserts, with one exception, are from original photographs taken for the Guide Book.

NOTES: blank pages for original notes are placed at the end of each Excursion, as changes in New York City are so rapid, the old giving place to the new, that accounts of land marks must be constantly amended.

SPECIMEN PAGE

Park Row

MANHATTAN

5 Route

10. The **Sun Building**, originally the first permanent building of Tammany Hall (erected 1811), which had been organized at Borden's Tavern in lower Broadway in 1789 and moved to "Martling's" (corner of Spruce and Nassau Streets) in 1798. In Tammany Hall the political term "Loco foco" originated in 1834.

Frankfort Street, "Newspaper Alley," was named for the birthplace of Jacob Leisler who was executed for treason in 1691 on his own farm near by.

A fine view of all lower Manhattan and the Bay may be obtained from the top of the tower in the World Building.

11. **Statue of Benjamin Franklin**, designed by Plassman, and presented in 1867 by Captain Albert de Groot to the printers and press of New York.

12. **Statue of Horace Greeley**, founder of the "New York Tribune" (designed by Ward and presented to the city in 1890) near the Tribune Building.

13. **Statues of Franklin and Gutenberg** on the front of the "Staats Zeitung" Building, Spruce and William Streets.

14. The **Vineyard Lot** occupied the block between Park Row, Nassau and Beekman Streets, and the block below was called the *Governor's Garden* because purchased by Governor Dongan in 1685.

The old Times and Potter Buildings are on the site of the *Brick Presbyterian Church*, built in 1768; used during the Revolution as a British prison and moved about 1854 to Thirty-seventh Street and Fifth Avenue. (Excursion V, Section 4:2).

On the block directly south is the site of the first *Clinton Hall* (1830), an early home of the Mercantile Library. (Excursion III, Section 1).

15. **Dolan's Restaurant**, 33 Park Row, contains a model of the buildings on this block as they stood about 1800, including the present structures at 33, 34, 35 Park Row, the corner being then known as *Lovejoy's Hotel*. It also shows the *Park Theatre* just below, the site now covered by the Park Row Building, 13-17 Park Row. The theatre was erected in 1798, burned in 1820, rebuilt in 1821 and again burned in 1848. In 1842 a ball was given here in honor of Charles Dickens.

16. **Theatre Alley**, joining Beekman and Ann Streets, was the stage passage to the Park Theatre. The restaurant kitchen here was the laundry of Lovejoy's Hotel.

17. Site of **Barnum's Museum**, built in 1842 and burnt down in 1865, was where now stands the National Park Bank at Broadway and Ann Streets. The *Loew Bridge* was erected across Broadway at Fulton Street in 1867 to aid pedestrians, but was taken down the next year by court order. Stewart's Café at 161 Fulton Street contains a number of rare prints of old New York.

SPECIMEN MAP

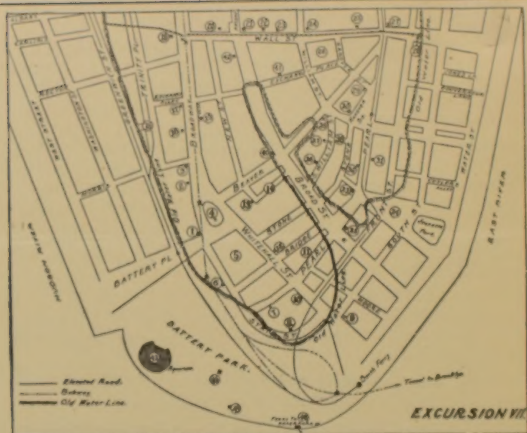


PLATE V. ROUTES 1, 2, 3, 4.

Partial Key.

1. Tablet, 1 Broadway; site of Kennedy House, 1760.
4. Bowling Green, the Dutch Parade and Market Field.
5. Custom House, site of Port Amsterdam and Church of St. Nicholas.
6. Fort George Monument, erected 1818 to mark site of Southwest bastion of Fort George.
8. 7 State Street, an original mansion of about 1800.
14. Market Field Street, a survival of an old Dutch lane.
16. Tablet, 41 Broadway; site of the first white men's houses.
17. Revolutionary cannon, 55 Broadway.
18. Trinity Church, on site of original building of 1696-7.
21. Sun Treasury, site of Colonial City Hall.
35. Frances Tavern, 52 Pearl Street, erected 1719.
43. Aquarium, built 1897-11 as South West Battery.

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September 5th, 1912.

Dr. F. B. Kelley,
21 West 44th Street,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

As requested in your letter of August 30th I return herewith the clipping from your Historical Guide to the City of New York. You will notice that I have cut out the statement that the collection contains forty thousand opins, as I do not care at the present time to publish an estimate of the number of pieces contained in the collection. You will also notice that the building is open to the public from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. on week days and from 1 to 5 P. M. on Sundays.

Very truly yours,

Director.